*Reply of Government.*—These are opened only at large jatras and are intended only for the classes of people used to drink who cannot do without liquor and who will otherwise attempt to get drink by illicit means. Whether it is possible to dispense with any of such shops will be considered by the Excise Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 155.

Abolition of tree tax on bagani trees.

Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The bagani tree cannot be indiscriminately tapped like the date tree as it can only be tapped at a particular season. If the season is not taken advantage of, the drawer has to wait a long time before he has another opportunity for tapping it. At present, owing to the delay in marking trees it becomes impossible to tap a tree in time. Hence the tree tax on bagani trees may be abolished and the average income from the tree tax on trees for five years may be recovered along with the shop tax, and the village shops sold separately. The people are prepared to pay even 10 per cent over the above average income. This procedure while safeguarding the revenue of Government will afford great encouragement to professional toddy-drawers and also obviate all hardship to the occupants of lands.

*Reply of Government.*—The proposal will be tried experimentally in the Hassan District.

SUBJECT No. 156.

Liabilty of toddy contractors for the offences of their servants.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The toddy contractors are at present held responsible for offences committed by their servants and proceedings under the Excise Regulation are instituted against the former. Orders may be issued to fix the liability on the person who actually commits the offence.

*Reply of Government.*—This is not possible.

SUBJECT No. 157.

Ganja crop.

Mr. Veene Rangaswamy Iyengar, Seringapatam Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Occupants of land in the Mysore District may be permitted to grow ganja as in the Bangalore District. Ganja was being cultivated to a large extent in the Mysore District some years back.

*Reply of Government.*—The cultivation of ganja by raiyats has not proved a success. It is under the consideration of Government to cultivate ganja by departmental agency.

## LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL BOARDS.

*(Nos. 158 to 186.)*

SUBJECT No. 158.

Reduction of the minimum of the income of legal practitioners fixed by the Municipal Regulation.

Mr. S. Sitaramiah, Shimoga Municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—In the present state of the country and having regard to the condition of those practising the legal profession, the amount of average earnings of a legal practitioner as calculated for the purposes of the Municipal Regulation is rather high. The minimum now fixed may, in fairness to a large majority of the legal practitioners, be reduced by one-half.

*Reply of Government.*—No alteration is desirable.